

United States to the United States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse".

#### CLIFFORD DAVIS AND ODELL HORTON FEDERAL BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 753) to redesignate the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Clifford Davis and Odell Horton Federal Building" was ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2007

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to Calendar No. 91, H.R. 137.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:  
A bill (H.R. 137) to amend Title 18 United States Code to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, this bill has broad bipartisan support with more than 300 co-sponsors in the House. The companion Senate bill is S. 261. The lead Senate sponsor is Senator CANTWELL. There are 30 Senate cosponsors. The Senate Judiciary Committee considered and voted to report the bill favorably on March 8, 2007, and the Senate bill is on the Senate Business Calendar. The legislation in similar forms has passed one or both Houses of Congress several times. The bill also has strong endorsements ranging from the American Veterinary Medical Association to the poultry industry to hundreds of law enforcement groups nationwide. The bill has been endorsed by the United States Department of Agriculture, the Humane Society of the United States, and numerous other animal rights and law enforcement groups, including more than 400 police departments.

This bill contains a clarifying amendment like the one we adopted in the Senate Judiciary Committee to ensure that it does not affect legitimate hunting activities.

Animal fighting is cruel. In this spectacle, dogs and roosters are often drugged to make them hyper-aggressive and forced to keep fighting even

after suffering severe injuries. The animals are enclosed in a pit that they cannot escape, and often are killed during the fights.

Animal fighting also spawns other criminal conduct, and endangers public safety. Animal fighting is often associated with illegal gambling, narcotics trafficking, public corruption, and gang activity. Cockfighting has been identified as a pathway for the spread of bird flu, and banning animal fighting is an important step to protect against this pandemic.

Federal anti-animal fighting legislation is already on the books, but this new law brings penalties for animal fighting more in line with other penalties for animal cruelty and creates new tools for law enforcement to enforce these laws nationwide. Those engaged in animal fighting ventures must know that this crime is serious and will be punished as a felony.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without further intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 137) was ordered for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 11; that on Wednesday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate then resume debate concurrently on S. 5 and S. 30, as provided for under a previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. HARKIN. If there is no further business today, and if the Republican leader has nothing further, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:02 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 10, 2007:

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MICHAEL G. VICKERS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE THOMAS W. O'CONNELL.

##### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

ROBERT M. COUCH, OF ALABAMA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE KEITH E. GOTTFRIED, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

PETER B. MCCARTHY, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE SANDRA L. PACK.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOHN L. WITHERS II, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA.

CHARLES LEWIS ENGLISH, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.

ROBERT B. NOLAN, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO.

MIRIAM K. HUGHES, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.

CAMERON MUNTER, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA.

##### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

MICHAEL K. KUSSMAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VICE JONATHAN BRIAN PERLIN, RESIGNED.

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. CHARLES H. JACOBY, JR., 0000

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be brigadier general

COL. DANIEL J. NELAN, 0000

##### IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT COMMISSIONED REGULAR OFFICERS IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 211:

##### To be lieutenant

BROOKE E. GRANT, 0000  
TODD C. MOE, 0000  
MARIA A. RUTTIG, 0000